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A M E N D M E N T S t o t h e C L A I M S

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application is provided below. The status of each claim is identified. Markings indicate any changes that have been made to claims being currently amended by this Amendment.

1. (ORIGINAL) A data processing apparatus for providing supplemental broadcast information, comprising:

a CPU;

a storage device operatively connected to said CPU;

an apparatus, adapted for communicating with said CPU, for receiving a request from a caller over a telephone network for supplemental information related to a broadcast television program and for relaying the request to said CPU; and

said storage device storing a program, adapted to be executed by said CPU, for processing the request for supplemental information and for transmitting the requested supplemental information through said apparatus.

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2. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the supplemental information comprises audio information recorded on a recording medium.

3-9 (CANCELLED)

10. (ORIGINAL) A method for providing supplemental information synchronized to a broadcast television program using a CPU, and a storage device operatively connected to the CPU and containing a program adapted to be executed by the CPU for processing a request for supplemental information, and an apparatus adapted for communicating with the CPU, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving the request for supplemental information from a caller via the apparatus;

receiving selection information from the caller via the apparatus;

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processing the selection information by having the CPU execute the program;

receiving synchronization information ;
synchronizing the requested information with to an audio component of the broadcast television program using the synchronization information;
communicating the requested information via the apparatus.

11. (ORIGINAL) The method according to Claim 10, further comprising the step of updating a database within the storage device indicating that the requested supplemental information has been communicated in said communicating step.

12. (ORIGINAL) The method according to Claim 10, further comprising the step of requesting payment for the communicated supplemental information.

13. (CANCELLED)

14. (ORIGINAL) Computer executable process steps, stored on a computer readable medium, for processing requests for supplemental information related to a broadcast television program, comprising:

a step to receive a supplemental information request via a telephone network interface;

a step to receive selection information;

a step to process the selection information;

a step to retrieve the requested supplemental information;

a step to synchronize the requested supplemental information to an audio component of the broadcast television program; and

a step to output the synchronized requested supplemental information.

15. (ORIGINAL) The computer executable process according to Claim 14, further comprising the step of receiving synchronization information related to the broadcast television program.

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16-31 (CANCELLED)

32. (ORIGINAL) A method of receiving supplemental information related to a broadcast television program including an audio component and an video component, comprising the steps of:

- viewing the broadcast television program;
- receiving ordering information for the supplemental information from the broadcast television program;
- requesting the supplemental information in accordance with the ordering information;
- providing selection information;
- receiving the selected supplemental information during the broadcast television program.

33. (ORIGINAL) A method according to Claim 32, wherein the step of receiving ordering information comprises receiving program identification information, a telephone number used for ordering the supplemental information, and synchronization information related to the broadcast television program.

34. (ORIGINAL) A method according to Claim 32, further including the step of paying for the supplemental information.

35. (ORIGINAL) A method according to Claim 34, wherein the step of paying for the supplemental information is accomplished by a credit card transaction.

36. (ORIGINAL) A method according to Claim 34, wherein said step of paying for the supplemental information is performed through a telephone bill.

37. (CANCELLED)

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38. (ORIGINAL) A method for preparing supplemental information related to at least one character featured on a broadcast television program, said method comprising the steps of:

writing dialogue, not broadcast with the television program, for the character featured on the broadcast television program;
recording the additional dialogue on a recording medium;
editing the additional dialogue recorded in said recording step such that the audio component of the broadcast television program and the edited additional dialogue do not conflict with each other when listened to simultaneously.

39. (ORIGINAL) An article, comprising:

a recording medium having recorded thereon a video component and an audio component for transmission to and display on at least one display device; and
synchronization information recorded on said recording medium for transmission to and display on at least one display device, said synchronization information adapted to synchronize supplemental audio information not recorded on said recording medium to said audio component.

40. (CANCELLED)

41. (NEW) An apparatus comprising:

a CPU;
a storage device coupled to the CPU;
a receiver for receiving a request for supplemental information related to a television program and for relaying the request to the CPU; and
a program, adapted to be executed by the CPU, for processing the request for supplemental information and for transmitting the requested supplemental information,
wherein the supplemental information comprises supplemental dialogue for a character within the television program.

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42. (NEW) An apparatus comprising:

- a CPU;
 - a storage device coupled to the CPU;
 - a receiver for receiving a request for supplemental information related to a television program and for relaying the request to the CPU; and
 - a program, adapted to be executed by the CPU, for processing the request for supplemental information and for transmitting the requested supplemental information,
- wherein the supplemental information comprises a foreign language version of the television program.

43. (NEW) An apparatus comprising:

- a CPU;
 - a storage device coupled to the CPU;
 - a receiver for receiving a request for supplemental information related to a television program and for relaying the request to the CPU; and
 - a program, adapted to be executed by the CPU, for processing the request for supplemental information and for transmitting the requested supplemental information,
- wherein the supplemental information comprises a descriptive audio version of the television program for the visually impaired.